THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The Committee has recommended the constitution of an independent Broadcast Regulator. The Committee has also suggested that pending creation of a Regulator, a non-statutory committee be set up which has terms of reference similar to what the Regulator would have.

(b) The report of the Committee would be examined and appropriate decision would be taken thereon.

(c) The executive summary of the recommendations made by the committee is available on the Ministry's website (http/www.mib.nic.in).

Interest of consumers under CAS

593. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have shelved the Conditional Access System;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that in the absence of any clear-cut directions the cable operators are exploiting the consumers; and

(d) the steps taken to protect the interest of consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No such instance of exploitation has come to the notice of the Government. However, adequate safeguards have been provided under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and the Rules framed thereunder.

Film Broadcasting Policy

†594. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan proposes to modify the Film Broadcasting Policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.